



West Lafayette I.T. staff keeps the community connected

THIS IS I.T.

Dedicated to bringing greatness to the City and meeting and exceeding technology challenges and demands is the mission of the Information Technology staff. Led by IT Manager **Tracey Stanifer-Dewey**, the four-person staff has over 30 years of technology and customer service experience. They oversee the City's vision to optimize municipal services and foster strong community connections through innovative technology solutions. From managing day-to-day technology needs, to operating network infrastructure, the department powers the technology that makes the City of West Lafayette work, including the latest and greatest tech equipment going into the new City Hall and the Wellness Center.

Stanifer-Dewey believes COVID-19 has forever changed technology for the City of West Lafayette. Many employees are learning new tools and new ways of getting their jobs done. They are utilizing tools such as Office 365 and Microsoft Teams and able to work remotely, making them more productive. Electronic meetings have become the new normal. The City can now take payments and class/recreation registrations

online as well as process parking permits. The City website and social media platforms are dedicated to communicating with our citizens, making information readily available to you with a place to provide feedback.

Believe IT or Not

- Over 60 billion emails are sent daily
- Email existed before the World Wide Web
- The Firefox logo isn't a fox, it's a red panda
- 86% of people plug in a USB device upside down the first time
- Over 6,000 new computer viruses are created and released each month
- NASA's internet speed is 91,000 times faster than the City of West Lafayette's internet speed
- The first webpage ever is still running from 1991: <http://line-mode.cern.ch/www/hypertext/WWW/TheProject.html>

NEW PARTNERS IN CRIME FIGHTING

Officer First Class Elizabeth Romstadt, a 10-year veteran in law enforcement, took on a new partner with special skills. **Vito**, a 16-month-old Belgian Malinois from the Netherlands, completed a course at the world-renowned Bohne Liche Kennels in Denver, IN alongside Officer Romstadt and police officers from around the world. Vito is certified in narcotics detection, tracking, and handler/civilian protection.

Officer Romstadt serves as a Field Training Officer, a member of the WL Narcotics Unit, a RAD Instructor, an active shooter instructor, and a School Resource Officer as well as an experienced K-9 handler since 2017.



Elizabeth Romstadt and Vito

NEW IN TOWN?

Welcome!

If you live within City limits, please contact the appropriate company or City service to set up your utilities. Thanks — we're glad you're here!

UTILITIES IN WEST LAFAYETTE within city limits

Commercial Provider

Water | Indiana American Water
800-300-6202

Electricity | Duke
866-236-3749

Natural Gas | Vectren
800-227-1376

City Services

Wastewater | 765-775-5140

Trash | 765-775-5242

Recycling | 765-775-5242

Yard Waste | 765-775-5242

MEET THE WELLNESS CENTER STAFF



Kevin Noe | Director

Kevin brings 20 years of experience in the Parks and Recreation field to his new position. He graduated from Indiana University with a degree in Sports Marketing and Management and has worked for West Lafayette Parks in management, programming,

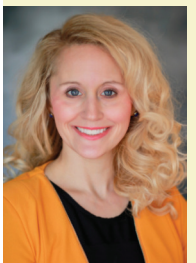
and aquatics since 2015. Most recently, he served as the department's Recreation Director. Kevin welcomes the opportunity to expand the City's wellness and recreation offerings.



Katy Kincaid Aquatics Coordinator

Katy began as a lifeguard in 2012, and by 2017, she was the YMCA of Kokomo's Director of Aquatics. She taught instructors how to teach swim lessons and CPR, budgeted programs, and coordinated a staff of more than

40 employees. Katy started a competitive youth swim team that grew to more than 50 swimmers and a water safety program for local schools. Katy graduated from Capella University with a degree in business administration.



Heather Wiltze | Marketing and Membership Director

Heather graduated from Huntington University with a Bachelor's in Media Communication and Creative Writing. Her experience includes running media camps for budding broadcast journalists and teaching photography

and video to high school students. Most recently, she specialized in membership sales, licensed childcare, and fitness at a YMCA. Heather is a certified fitness instructor, trained in yoga, youth fitness, and active older adults.

Rachel MacDougall Wellness Coordinator



Rachel earned a full-ride basketball scholarship to Western Illinois University and majored in exercise science. She completed a master's degree in kinesiology from Texas A&M-Corpus Christi.

She served as the director of sports and wellness at a YMCA, where she maintained their fitness center and planned youth sports programs. Rachel loves helping families create healthy habits and can't wait for everyone to enjoy the beautiful new Wellness Center.

The greatest wealth is health.

Virgil

CITY NEWS

NEW HIRES

Kyle Cottrell
Driver/Collector/Processor
Street and Sanitation

Grady Fountain
Entry Level Firefighter
West Lafayette Fire

James Henrich
Operator
Water Resource Recovery

Paul Roehl
IT Support Technician
IT

Craig Snider
Entry Level Firefighter
West Lafayette Fire





NEW BEGINNINGS

MAYOR JOHN DENNIS | This has been quite a year so far. But we're still moving, still growing despite these unusual and historic circumstances. Things are evolving and changing every day. An executive order was put into place for all to wear face masks in public in West Lafayette until further notice to stop the spread of COVID-19. When so much has changed, our commitment to our citizenry is unwavering. We continue to strive to make West Lafayette a safe, vibrant, and welcoming community for everyone. As of mid-July, the population is still growing, and we have a robust residential and commercial real estate market with more plans for development. Soon the Chauncey Hill Mall will be razed to make room for new retail opportunities. Over the last several years, we've experienced a huge growth spurt — roads, trails, roundabouts, annexation, and major developments along State Street and the Aerospace and Discovery Park districts. Our next priority is to complete a modern facility for healthy exercise and family recreation, and a new City Hall. Despite the health crisis, we have been able to work steadily on both buildings.

But our community is much more than buildings and roads and businesses. It is the distinctive mix of people who give West Lafayette our great quality of life. The university throbs with enthusiasm and energy that flows into the community. We have students from around the world who bring their cultural diversity and uniqueness to campus. The social dynamic of a college town is dependent upon the assimilation of all of our citizens: the elderly, the very young, the high schoolers, junior high schoolers, the sports guys, the fans of the sports guys, parents that come to campus to explore educational opportunities for their children, the alumni that come back for events, the visitors, and the students. Because of the times we're living in right now, it's more important than ever to treat everyone with the same respect and kindness that we desire and deserve. What a great example our Purdue students give us on how to be open, empathetic, and accepting of each other's uniqueness. These are lessons for all of us to learn.

As the new semester starts, it is a time for new beginnings. New experiences await all of us. Like traveling in a foreign country, we've become more aware of our surroundings, more aware of the different customs and people we meet, more appreciative of the things that matter most. I hope this is a fall to remember the many positive ways we come together to meet our challenges. Please follow the recommended health practices and social distancing, but be social. We encourage your involvement with the community and local government, whether you are here for four years or life. Finally, please familiarize yourself with our website, westlafayette.in.gov, for practical information on City services, paying your bills online, parking laws, and news about our parks, community events, and police and fire departments.

Welcome new and returning students and residents.

We missed you!

GLOBAL FEST CHANGES



The annual festival will take a new shape this year in light of COVID-19. Stay tuned for news of "pop-up" events in September and October to replace the traditional fair, which is postponed until 2021.



ALL IS WELL IN PARKS AND REC

The pool and playgrounds are open again, and the Wellness Center is underway with its new staff hired. Look forward to a new trail along Salisbury Street between Cumberland Avenue and Kalberer Road and a dog park at Happy Hollow this fall. These developments couldn't have come along at a better time. Award-winning Dogstudio is commissioned to create an interactive motion-sensing art piece guaranteed to captivate and emotionally engage visitors in the Wellness Center. Check out the Park's Facebook page for dynamic news, photos, and videos of all park activities. facebook.com/westlafayetteparks



New roundabout at Newman Road and State Street keeps traffic flowing

WHILE YOU WERE GONE

Returning students may notice a new roundabout at the intersection of Newman Road and State Street. Keep looking. Beyond that, a new two-lane railroad bridge is under construction to replace the old one-lane stone-arched underpass, circa early 1900. These improvements will positively affect pedestrian, bike and vehicular traffic flow, and allow semi-truck access for future developments in the Aerospace District. The project is co-funded by Purdue Research Foundation. Once the project is complete, it will create a gateway to more development, job growth, and community opportunities.

New City Engineer **Mitch Lankford** has taken over the responsibilities of providing engineering guidance for public works projects involving roads, buildings, storm drainage, sidewalks, and handicap accessibility. Although the health crisis slightly delayed some construction, roads and sidewalk improvements have continued. Sign up for Nixle alerts to stay on top of all road updates or closures and weather advisories at local.nixle.com/west-lafayette-in-police-department.



New roof in progress at Caretaker's Cottage on Salisbury Street

GOOD BONES

Keeping history alive through a careful renovation is breathing new life into the 1929 Morton School building.

The Margerum Government and Community Center, named after former Mayor Sonya Margerum, is on pace to open this year. Renovations are moving along at a good clip.

The building's interior was gutted, and new electrical, plumbing, and HVAC systems were installed. Exterior masonry was repaired, and windows replaced. The new main entrance from the parking lot is canopied and ADA-compliant, as is the entire building. Council Chambers and community rooms will occupy the first floor; private offices for most City departments will be located on the second floor. Construction of these spaces is underway. City Hall be wrapping up business at the Happy Hollow School building and moving for the FINAL time late December.



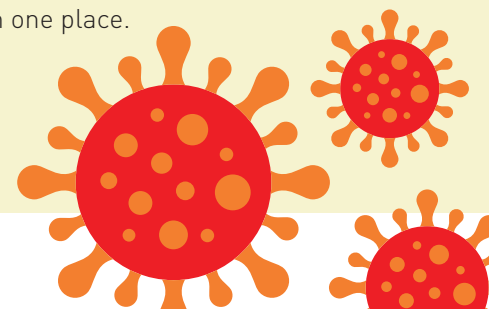
New entrance to the Margerum Government and Community Center

COMPREHENSIVE AND CURRENT CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION

A one-stop resource for the ever-changing components of COVID-19 is now available on our website's homepage, westlafayette.in.gov. There you will find CDC updates, West Lafayette reopening/restrictions, Tippecanoe County Health Department updates, resources for small businesses, American Red Cross volunteer opportunities, the Back-on-Track Indiana plan, and the latest news from local media outlets. All the scoop in one place.

I don't always help my friends move. But when I do, I complain about it so much they never ask me again.

Unattributed



WL CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

West Lafayette has begun developing a community-scale Climate Action Plan, estimated to be completed by the end of 2020. A climate action plan is a strategic plan that outlines how a city will reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to mitigate climate change, impacting West Lafayette's economy, infrastructure, and public health. The plan will serve as a roadmap for making data-driven decisions to address climate change and ensure that a community meets its emissions reduction targets.

Greenhouse gases are emitted through our energy use, building operations, transportation, and more — the plan will incorporate strategies related to each area. The Climate Action Plan will include policies affecting the entire community, including residents, businesses, community organizations, and City operations.

We want to hear from you! Climate change will impact our community in different ways, so we want to listen to your concerns and priorities. Please take the survey and learn more about climate action at wlgogreener.com/community-wide-2020. Those who complete the survey will be entered in a raffle to win gift cards to local businesses!



FOOD WASTE TO ENERGY

Want to lower your waste footprint? The West Lafayette Water Resource Recovery Facility uses an anaerobic digester to capture methane emitted from organic material. Methane gas powers the facility, and the remaining sludge is sent to local farms for fertilizer application. By separating your waste stream and contributing your food waste, you can decrease West Lafayette's dependence on fossil fuels and the amount of waste sent to the landfill!

Need a composting container or more information? Go to www.wlgogreener.com/wl-composting and take this feedback survey to help us improve the food waste program. forms.gle/Y8SeGnQyTjK3LMSY7.



AT THIS TIME

CITY CLERK SANA BOOKER | The past weeks are an awakening to a pain that sat just beneath the surface. A searing, seething hurt that is rarely spoken of, but never goes away. The deaths of several black people, and the false report by the woman in Central Park, has opened questions about the legacy of this country. There is something not right within the country that I love and respect that I cannot fully understand, and my heart hurts.

Some longtime friends have spoken their truths to me to show compassion and care. Others have shared biases that neither of us have recognized before. More often than not, no words were spoken for fear of saying the wrong thing or perhaps because the current events appear not to affect their lives. I am not sure if the silence or the indifference hurts more, but that is the present. The real question is ... what comes next?

I found it counterproductive to stay in a place of hurt and anger. I realized that we have hit the wall of accepting excuses and watching things fade out over time. This is the "Enough is enough" time. Positive actions with clear focus and collaborations with like minds and hearts are the key to strength and recovery. In the words of my mother, "Let's get to work."

Let us begin by educating ourselves in history and cultural relationships. It is time to be courageous in speaking truth, knowing that there is power in words. Write to elected officials, at every level, to express clear initiatives for positive policies and procedures. Vote for those officials who share your convictions. Remove those who do not stand for the well-being of all people. Fill out the Census, so that you are counted and valued. Support the people who are doing good work in your community and hold them to a higher accountability level. Last, but maybe first, pray that we can create a new history. There is nothing that happens to the few that will not eventually affect the many. I am drawn to the Xhosa culture phrase that says, "I am because we are." We truly need each other to survive and thrive.

FUN FACT Ancient Greece had a City Secretary who publicly read official documents and who, at the beginning of meetings, proclaimed a curse on anyone who should seek to deceive the people.

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The Wellness Center will be open January 2021.

Committed to Going Greener



A Tree City USA



LET'S GO EVENT CALENDAR*

RX/OTC Take Back

2nd Thursday | 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
September 10 | October 8 | November 12
West Lafayette Police Station

City Offices Closed

Monday, September 7 | Labor Day
Monday, October 12 | Columbus Day
Wednesday, November 11 | Veteran's Day
Thursday and Friday, November 26 & 27
Thanksgiving

West Lafayette Farmers Market

Wednesday / May - October
3:30 - 6 pm (3:30 - 4:30 pm for 65+ or
with chronic conditions)
Cumberland Park

Naturalization Ceremony

TBD | White Horse
Christian Center

Wednesday in the Wild

Wednesdays | 1 - 3 pm
Lilly Nature Center
westlafayette.in.gov/parks



"It is how we
embrace the
uncertainty
in our lives
that leads
to the great
transformations
of our souls."

Brandon A. Treaan

*All events are subject
to change. Please
check individual
venues before you go.

Purdue Boilermaker Half Marathon and 5K

Saturday / October 17
Ross-Ade Stadium
Purduehalf.com

Exploration Acres Corn Maze

September 18 - October 25
explorationacres.com



CANCELED FOR 2020

- Lilly Nature Center closed until September 8
- Global Fest
- St. Boniface Germanfest
- Starry Night Festival
- Feast of the Hunter's Moon
- Hidden Gems Tour
- Art on the Wabash